

AQUARIUS 00-01: IDEALIZE + DURABLE (DURABLE IDEALS AND EXAMPLES)

Ideal	Noun	Synonyms	Adjective	Synonyms	
	1 Conception of something in its perfection .	1, 2	Epitome.	7 Conceived as construing a standard of perfection or excellence :	7 Perfect , consulate, complete .
			IDEAL, EXAMPLE, MODEL refer to something considered as a standard to strive toward or something considered worthy of imitation .		
			An IDEAL is a concept or standard of perfection, existing merely as an image in the mind , or based upon a person or upon conduct . <i>Sir Phillip Sidney was considered the idea in gentlemanly conduct.</i>	<i>Ideal beauty.</i>	
			An EXAMPLE is a person or his conduct or achievements regarded as worthy of being followed or imitated in a general way; or sometimes as properly to be avoided : <i>An example of courage; A bad example to one's children.</i>		
			A MODEL is primarily a physical shape to be closely copied, but is also a pattern for exact imitation in conduct or character : <i>They took the leader as a model.</i>		
	2 A standard of perfection or excellence .			8 Regarded as perfect in its kind:	
				<i>An ideal spot for a home.</i>	
	3 A person or thing conceived as embodying such a conception or conforming to such a standard , and taken as a model for imitation .			9 Existing only in the imagination ; not real or practical; visionary :	9 Impractical, imaginary, fanciful, fantastic.
				<i>An ideal marriage.</i>	
Idealize	4 An ultimate object or all of endeavor , especially one of high or noble character :	4 Intention, objective .	10 Advantageous; excellent; best :		
	<i>He refuses to compromise any of his ideals.</i>		<i>It would be ideal she would accompany us to care for the children.</i>		
	5 Something that exists only in the imagination :		11 Based upon an ideal or ideals :		
	<i>To achieve the ideal is almost hopeless.</i>		<i>The ideal theory of numbers.</i>		
	6 <i>Math.</i> A subring of a ring, any element of the ring results in an element of the subring.		12 <i>Philosophical</i> a. Existing as an archetype or Platonic Idea. b. Pertaining to a possible state of affairs considered as highly desirable . c. Pertaining to or of the nature of idealism .		
	Verb transitive				
	1 To make ideal; represent in an ideal form or character : exists to an ideal perfection or excellence .				
	Verb intransitive				
	2 To represent something in an ideal form ; imagine or form an ideal or ideals .				
	[IDEAL + IZE]				
Durable	Adjective	Synonym	Antonym		
	1 able to resist wear, decay , etc., well; lasting; enduring .	1 Permanent .	1 Weak, transitory.		



An Old Adobe Mission

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IDEALISATION

What is built of clay and even stone will one day be destroyed and rendered to dust. Nature's power to create is matched equally by its power to destroy and civilisation's attempts to tame Nature are, in the end, futile. Yet the inner strength and subtlety to go against the flow of wrong-mindedness, and to find a place to be in harmony with life, can be bound into perpetuity as the qualities of our race and the eternal, indestructible essence of the species-nature, our humanity.

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To make things and situations ideal, we have first to examine what has happened before, and compare this to what could happen, and also to our idealisation of excellence. There is a power of integrity written in things that were once new, many years ago, and have survived and evolved to a place whereby they give testimony to their enduring worth. Age has improved them in ways that only ageing can – by adding depth of character and proving their strength against the eroding forces of tide and time. It is not for us to throw out the old just because it is not modern. Yet it is for us to throw out whatever cannot find a place of relevance within the current zeitgeist since our loyalties are not best given to outworn causes, people or ways just for sentimental reasons. It is for us to hear the roll of thunder as a presage of change, to feel its capacity to transform and to be ready to move things to the next level, energised by our best ideas about what might be possible.

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AN OLD ADOBE MISSION

(DURABILITY)

RUDHYAR: AN OLD ADOBE MISSION IN CALIFORNIA

LASTING VALUES

We build lasting forms for what we want to outlive us

Major works require group endeavour, thus we know that they are emblematic of their times. Thousands of years ago, Stone Age man created features that were very difficult to make – Stonehenge for example – that were clearly used for worship and ceremony, and they show that that aspect of life was very important indeed to them. Adobe missions similarly took great effort to place in the wild territory of California's early period, and collectively they took on the dual function of survival and worship. We might ask of ourselves, 'Does our own set of values motivate us powerfully enough to create something sufficiently lasting that it outlives us?'

Standing up for our lifestyle deepens character and inspires in us a faith that we belong

A mission a robust answer to the problems of survival and making a living – required because we live within a testing environment. What helps to ensure our physical survival as a species is the durability of what protects us as individuals – and, to offer such shelter, these missions were constructed to be strong and permanent. They were more than resources to support settlers materially; the spiritual side was also central to their purpose.

There is continuity between our material needs and the depth of our psychological needs; because we are at risk physically, we are vulnerable emotionally. As we invest our loyalties into a way of coping with the physicality of life, we inevitably align with shared emotional realities too – such as having faith that we belong.

How and where we build home and place of worship speaks about our loyalties, preferences, history and expectations – also it determines a great deal of what we become. The heritage of our enduring ties is a reminder of what has value to us, which must not be neglected or underrated if we are to realise our individual potential.

A compelling depth of character arises from the respect we assign to our heritage. It is almost inevitable that we will, at some point, be called upon to defend and protect what we think of as home, family and community. If we have nowhere to stand, then we cannot really stand for anything.

This deeper approach to life's established values actually also gives rise to an effective breadth of vision. The future needs to unfold within particular parameters in order to keep alive the tradition we have adopted, and which has adopted us. Our choices about direction are made with reference to the past since we understand that a rich and deep history can underpin a rich and deep future.

One thing we need to be careful of is that such a complete observance of old ways can easily lead to a total lack of ambition, and also a blind adherence to superficialities that have been crystalised into community values. This can be avoided if we are always aware of who we are, what we are doing, and why.

An aware person is tested to remember their own true spiritual state at all times; this is a necessity for both an overall orientation and an underlying stability in all personal existence. In a world of deceit and illusion, where nothing is ever completely fixed in time, this presents a prodigious challenge.